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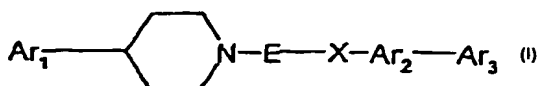
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novel aromatic piperidines of formula (I) and their use in therapy.

(57) Abstract: This invention relates to novel compounds which up-regulate LDL receptor (LDL-r) expression and to processes for their preparation, pharmaceutical compositions containing them and their medical use. More particularly, this invention relates to

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Claims Nos.: 1 (part)

Present claim 1 relates to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely prodrugs. The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. It is further noted that in the description (p. 14) prodrugs are defined as being modified derivatives of the compounds of structure (I) in which the modified functional group is cleaved either by routine manipulation or in vivo. It is unclear what is meant by routine manipulation. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds of formula (I) and their derivatives in which hydroxy, sulfhydryl and amine groups are derivatized by acetate, formate and benzoate groups and in which carboxylic acid groups are esterified (p. 15, first paragraph).

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